be an appropriate vehicle for making available substantial funds for the identified purpose of supporting project exports.

Benefits of North East Industrial Policy

2487. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's North East Industrial Policy has benefited only two States out of seven;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for investment in North East in last three years and the number of people got employment out of that capital investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government announced a new North-East Industrial Policy (NEIP) on 24th December, 1997 for promoting industrialization in the North-Eastern region. The NEIP is applicable to the seven States included in the North-Eastern region at that time, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The NEIP has been beneficial for all the seven States of the North East as evident from the details of subsidies disbursed under various Subsidy Schemes, total loans sanctioned and employment generated in the North East by NEDFi, a Special Purpose Vehicle created for the North East. Details and given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of benefits of NEIP

A. Subsidies disbursed by NEDFi (as on 31.3.2003)

(Rs. in lakh)

State	Transport Subsidy Scheme	Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme	Central Interest Subsidy Scheme
1. Arunachal Pradesh	450	0	0
2. Assam	5299	951	91.7
3. Manipur	0	0	0
4. Meghalaya	3234	357	41.26
5. Mizoram	1064	0	0

State	Transport Subsidy Scheme	Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme	Central Interest Subsidy Scheme
6. Nagaland	1166	0	0
7. Tripura	197	83	0.07
TOTAL:	11410	1391	133.03

B. Loans sanctioned by NEDFi

(Rs. in lakh)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1. Arunachal Pradesh	418	291	136
2. Assam	3945	3166	3403
3. Manipur	350	80	59
4. Meghalaya	2659	2582	2112
5. Mizoram	156	45	114
6. Nagaland	490	124	80
7. Tripura	306	16	460
TOTAL:	8324	6304	6364

C. Employment generation in NER by NEDFi assisted units

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1. Arunachal Pradesh	141	79	57
2. Assam	1763	1653	3059
3. Manipur	885	43	489
4. Meghalaya	401	371	81
5. Mizoram	203	20	509
6. Nagaland	431	172	29
7. Tripura	28	193	-
TOTAL:	3852	2531	4224

US Rule for containers entering that country

2488. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent rule introduced by the US Government for containers entering that